Amendments to the Mines and Minerals Act

2294. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments are putting pressure on the Centre Government to amend the existing Mines and Minerals (R&D) Act and Mineral Concession Rules;

(b) if so, names of those State Governments and the reasons why such amendments are sought by them; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 was amended recently and the amendments were brought into force on the 10th February, 1987. Consequent amendments to the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 were also made in 1987 and 1988.

Proposals for amendment to the provisions of the Act and the Rules have been received from Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa. Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. These proposals have been processed. Most of the proposed amendments to the Act pertain to the new provisions and it would be rather premature to consider amending or rescinding those provisions. Some amendments to the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 are proposed to be made shortly.

Plan to reduce the child labour in the country

2295. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a timebound legal action plan to reduce the Child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken positive action on such plan; and

(d) if so, what are the results therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) The Government have already enacted the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 to prohibit the employment of children below fourteen years of age in certain specified occupations and processes and to regulate the conditions of work of children in those employments in which they are not prohibited from working. The enforcement of the various provisions of the Act will be a continuous process. To ensure proper implementation the State Governments and Union Territories, responsible for the enforcement of the various laws and legal provisions relating to child labour, have been addressed from time to time.

Setting up of Food Storage Depots in Maharashtra

2296. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Food Storage Depots of F.C.I. at Chandrapur and Garhchiroli (Maharashtra) under tribal sub-plan in the seventh five year plan period;

(b) the names of the place where these centres are functioning; and

(c) the number of centres likely to be set up alongwith the names of the places where likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has constructed storage capacity of 10,000 tonnes each at Gondia (District Bhandare) and Bhiwandi (District Thane) in Maharashtra under the Tribal Sub-plan. During the Eighth Plan period, the FCI propose to construct storage capacity of 5,000 tonnes at Chandrapur in Maharashtra under the Tribal Sub-Plan. The Corporation has no proposal at present to construct storage capacity at Garhchiroli. The requirement of Chandrapur and Garhchiroli is at present being met from FCI's Food Storage Depot at Nagpur.

Workers participation in the management

2297. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was notified in December, 1983 that the workers will have their participation in the management of the Central and State Government's public sector and also private sector enterprises;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that despite this notification the scheme has not been implemented;

(c) what is the number of sittings held after formation of the Tripartite Committee with details of the result of these settings;

(d) whether it is a fact that not a single public undertaking has allowed workers representation at Board level; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against such undertakings who have not implemented the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The Scheme for Employees Participation in Management notified in December, 1983 is mainly applicable to Central Public Sector enterprises, though the State Governments were also requested to introduce the Scheme in their own public sector undertakings. Private sector is also welcome to adopt the scheme.

(b) It is not correct to state that the Scheme has not been implemented. Out of 203 operational Central public sector enterprises, the Scheme has been implemented at shop/plant levels, in 107 public sector enterprises.

(c) Eight meetings of the Tripartite Committee have been held so far. The Committee has discussed specific case studies to study the extent of workers' participation in the management in various public sector undertakings and the positive results achieved therefrom. Also, the problems encountered by the Management and workers have been discussed in a constructive spirit. Extensive training programmes for workers and executives have been suggested to inculcate a culture of workers' participation in management.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer of the part (d) of the question.

Defective Stairs in Mayur Vihar

2298. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flats constructed by DDA in pocket I of Mayur Vihar Phase-I have defective Stairs going from ground floor to the top floor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no provision for stairs to go to the terrace on top where Water tanks are set up;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that tension and wrangles